

MUSEUM OF ANTIQUITIES

An Edinburgh correspondent of the *Pittsburgh Dispatch* writes: A hun-

He was born, this artist-poet, in an ancient country house at Dunfermline, on a street known then, and to this day, I think, as Wooller's street. The ancient town, with its many fine old houses, and its historic associations, in his childhood was passed. His mother, a daughter of the great house of Robertson of Strowan, filled his eager young mind with the tales of Highland romance. His father surrounded him with arms and armor and banners and all the mementoes of great men and great deeds in Scottish history. Books and works of art were his playthings. Ghosts seemed to be his playmates. He was a dancing man, and he might be appealed as much to his credence as Wallace, Balliol, and Bruce. A nineteenth-century boy, he lived in a medieval atmosphere.

The etiot of living among such objects must be one of two things. It must fill the mind with morbid brooding and unhealthily gloom, or it must develop to the highest degree the spiritual, poetic, and imaginative faculties; for these old arms speak strange things to him who meditates upon them in the dim and ghostly twilight, or under the flickering light of flaring torches. "I was borne by the gulf of the first Edward," says a grim battle-axe. "I wasat Threave," says a coat of mail, "and saw sir Patrick Grege gaze on the headless body of poor Bombie, his own kinsman." There are nearly seven hundred of them, and they seem to speak with strange, uncanny voices, all at once, like the clamor of a cawing rookery.

RELICS OF SCOTTISH CHIEFS.
I noticed here a spouton head from the field of Bothwell Brigg, and near by a cannon-ball from under the walls of Caerlaverock Castle. The field of Prestonpans is represented by a trooper's sabre, Sheriffmuir by an officer's sword, and Bannockburn by a pair of horse-shoes and long-poled Lochaber axe. Another battle-axe was once

Another relic is the original commission as lieutenant-colonel, granted by Prince Charles on September 16, 1745, to Donald Robertson, of Woodshead, grand-uncle of the present owner. Robertson was commander of the Clan Donnachie in the Athole battalion, and his name is on the list of the 1000 odd hands hung by him. He was left for dead at Culloden but revived, escaped to France, and joined the French army as captain. Another Culloden relic is a Highland target bearing the arms of Macdonald, of Keppoch, and carried by him on that field, where he was slain. It is accompanied by his sword—a splendid Andrea Ferfara, inlaid with gold—which was picked up by him. There is also a canteen from Culloden, and a basket-hilted sword of unknown history, which was found built up in the brick wall of an ancient house at Canterbury. It was purchased from its finder by Mrs. Diana Mulock Craik, author of "John Halifax, Gentleman."

But I must draw this sketch to a close, though volumes could be written about the house, its treasures of art and antiquities, and its owner. But who is its owner? Why, have I not yet mentioned his name? No. Well, it is her Majesty's painter for Scotland, Sir Noel Patron.

Richmond city, Monday, November 2d, night.
HON. JOHN E. MASSEY.
Henry, Monday, October 12th.
Floyd, Tuesday, October 13th.
—, special, Wednesday, October 14th.
Patrick, Thursday, October 15th.
Oak Level, Friday, October 16th.
Southampton, Monday, October 19th.
Nansemond, Tuesday, October 20th.
Portsmouth, Tuesday, October 20th, night.
Norfolk, Wednesday, October 21st.
Norfolk city, Wednesday, October 21st, night.
Hanson, Thursday, October 22d.
Prince Edward, Friday, October 23d.
Blacks and Whites, Saturday, October 24th.
Petersburg, Saturday, October 24th.

Isle of Wight, Monday, October 5th.
C. T. O'FERRALL.
Rocky Mount, Franklin county, Monday,
October 5th.
JOHN T. HARRIS.
Winchester, Frederick county, Monday,
October 5th.
J. R. TUCKER.
Gloucester, Monday, October 5th.
Mathews, Monday, October 12th.
Craig, Thursday, October 15th.
Smyth, Monday, October 19th.
Giles, Tuesday, October 20th.
Prince Edwards, special.
Cumberland, special.
Orange, Monday, October 26th.
Dinwiddie (special), Wednesday, Oc-
tober 28th.

JAMES A. BUCHANAN.
Blad, Monday, October 5th.
Lebanon, Russell county, Tuesday,
October 6th.

JAMES A. WALKER.
Newbern, Pulaski county, Monday,
October 5th.
Hillsville, Carroll county, Tuesday,
October 15th.

THOMAS WHITEHEAD.
Charlotte, Monday, October 5th.
Lanenburg, Monday, October 12th.
Amberst, Monday, October 19th.

JUDGE C. E. STUART.
Bolling Green, Caroline county, Oc-
tober 12th.

J. N. DUNLOP.
Rappahannock, Monday October 12th.
Greene, Wednesday, October 14th.
Goochland, Monday, October 19th.
Amelia, Thursday, October 22d.
Charlotte, Monday, November 2d.

JOHN T. GOOLBRICK.
Franklin, Monday, October 5th.
Danville, Tuesday, October 6th

Albemarle, Monday, October 5th.
Prince George (special), Friday, Oc-
tober 9th.
Louisa, Monday, October 12th.
Gordonsville, Monday, October 12th
(night).
Culpeper, Monday, October 19th.
Madison, Thursday, October 22d.

ber 12th.
JOHN S. BARBOUR, Chairman.
W. W. Scott, Secretary.

A Festival on Ferrari's Birthday.
[Letter to the London Times.]

The 22d of August and the three following days witnessed a highly interesting festival in the Sesia Valley, on the skirts of the Alps, to the north of Novara. The four-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the eminent painter Gaudenzio Ferrari, called by some the Raphael of North Italy, was celebrated in a singularly appropriate and successful manner. At Valduggia, the sequestered hamlet where he was born, the festivities opened, and were carried on for the next three days at the neighboring little town of Varallo, whose exquisitely beautiful situation

artist was listened to by an appreciative crowd of Valsesians, gentle and simple. For a foreigner, not the least striking feature was the display of the picturesque costumes of the peasants of the neighboring valleys. The dress, which is extremely becoming, was assumed also on this occasion by some of the ladies present and their children. An "occasional" hymn of praise, executed by the city band, with a chorus, brought the open-air proceedings to a close. The succeeding ceremonies included, besides, the opening of the first exhibition of the works of Valsesian art, traditional and modern, and the performances in the Church of the Madonna delle Grazie of a choral symphony written expressly

5,000 inhabitants, but it would be difficult to find in many a place of greater importance the will or the power to carry out an artistic commemoration in so thoroughly agreeable a manner. Nothing could exceed the courtesy shown by the authorities to the foreigners who attended. The festival, which passed off without a flaw, will not soon be forgotten by those lovers of art who had the good fortune to be present.

Heidelberg University will celebrate the five hundredth anniversary of its existence next August. A festival hall capable of holding 5,000 persons will be erected for the occasion.

"It is customary," says the *Scientific American*, "to use ammonia for the purpose of neutralizing acids that have accidentally or otherwise destroyed the color of the marble. The ammonia is immediately or the color is usually imperfectly restored. After careful use an application of chloroform will bring back the colors as bright as ever. Plaster

European celebrity, and Professor Wagner, both attached to the Petersburg University; the Russian savant, Mr. Alexander Axakoff, Professor Tourkevitch, Dr. Basil Mihailoff, and many more distinguished men of science and letters, such as Dastoensky, Solovieff, and Dimitri Tserteleff. Having found hospitality in such an exalted circle,

stations came spiritual life flooded upon a series of curious facts having to do with the existence of matter, but by no means unworkable. He admits, together with the English specialist in chemistry, Mr. Crookes, the existence of a more subtle and refined state of matter than those hitherto known, which can become perceptible only in a certain condition of the body, a condition usually produced by magnetism and more easily attained by so-called "mediums"—i. e., organizations more than ordinarily susceptible and nervous. Professor Bouteleff has given a great deal of time and care to the research of this mysterious agent, and his experiments have confirmed the discovery of Mr. Crookes.

The Russian Spiritualists, who have few adherents among their compatriots, and have had to put up with a great

From this point of view having been premar-
tially given to the world in a series of
articles principally in the pen of
"Professor" Wagner, and published in
one of the best periodicals, threw great
discredit on the cause at the very out-
set, and made people open their
eyes in astonishment at the credu-
lity of the professors. Perceiving
their imprudence and the blows
this hypothesis was going to strike at
the whole structure, Messrs. Boutleff
and Wagner turned abruptly on another
track, and in subsequent articles en-
deavored to keep on strictly objective
ground concerning the cause of the
manifestations. Russia now possesses
a considerable literature on the sub-

But the persons are only regarded as "heretics" by the Synod. These positions are regarded not only by the clergy but even by the Holy Synod itself as having their origin in the source of all evil. Newspapers most unwillingly publish articles in favor of the question, though they eagerly accept anything against it. The censor is extremely severe, and it is in vain that Mr. Axakoff, who is a man of ample means, ready to sacrifice any sum, has managed to start some organs, in which to publish the articles most interesting therein with the results of the experiments made. Thus it will be seen that Messrs. Boutleeff, Wagner and Axakoff and their friends have to struggle against no ordinary difficulties. But they are men of so common energy and character, and, moreover, deeply convinced of the truth of the greater part of the doctrines taught by Spiritism, and though they move hesitantly they have been able to lead into their circle persons of talent and distinction who, if not yet fully convinced, are great-

from what was told him, that all was ready, and as regards material this was true. Only one thing troubled him: If a war had to be made there was no man capable of directing it. In this state of affairs the council of Ministers met. A decision had to be come to. It was no longer possible to delay, and every one was perilled, not seeing

consequence it was decided that the matter should be delayed to the next day, that M. Ollivier should prepare at leisure what was required, and that the document should be read next day in the chamber. A message was sent to the president that he might close the sitting, and the council separated after agreeing to meet next day at 9 o'clock. The Emperor, on leaving the Tuilleries to go to St. Cloud, was cheered by the crowd collected in the square and on the quay. The crowd called for war, without understanding all that it meant. On arriving at St. Cloud the Emperor was met by a large number of persons who had brought the news of the famous article inserted in the German newspapers, in which it was stated that the King of Prussia had dismissed M. Benedetti, telling him that he had not

portant personage among them. His outfit includes a hammer, a bracing-stone or anvil, chisels, files, and saws. The person to be operated upon prepares his teeth for the purpose by chewing raw rice or tumeric, and prostrating himself on the ground, says his head, blindfolded, upon the operating-bench. The operator demonstratively repeats an unintelligible incantation phrase, and wedging the subject's mouth open, performs his work. The filing done, the teeth are blackened, and the pain is quieted with coconut-water in which an iron, inserted red-hot, has been standing for several days. For some time after the operation the patient must not eat, and must lie on his teeth. And

teeth, however, probably older than Mohammedanism. M. E. T. Hamy has made a study of the perforations of the teeth by the aborigines of Central America and Yucatan which are mentioned by various authors. Mota Padilla says the Indians cut holes in the teeth with sharp points and bored holes in the enamel which they filled with a black pigment. A statuette dug up at Tejar has the upper front teeth thus bored with cylindrical holes; and a fragment from an upper jaw dug up at Campeche during the French occupation shows the all teeth marked with precisely similar perforations. The holes appear to have been filled afterward with bluish-green enamel. The operation of boring these holes would hardly have been practiced on living persons, and the evidence indicates that it was done after death. Similar mutilations are known to be practiced now anywhere.

The Princess Metternich has been on shooting expedition with her husband

ns, have confirmed the statement that the forward projection of the skull is greater among the former. They have also shown that criminals have a larger facial index and a smaller vertical index than the peaceable citizens, but no difference is observed in the cephalic index. M. Hager has affirmed the larger capacity of the criminal skull over that

long and narrow hands is less considerable. As to the question of tattooing, he finds that the larger number of tattooed persons is among the assassins and assassins.

M. Lombroso, together with M. Lano, has studied criminality among infants. They examined 980 infants, and especially 160 from the houses of refuge. They found that the criminal type could be recognized at that age, associated with bad tendencies, in the proportion of 7.4 per cent. The loss of a moral sense was recognized in 41 per cent, of the children, tendency to crime in 10 per cent. Out of 25 infants they have observed the disappearance of the criminal tendencies partly through non-inheritance, partly under the beneficial influence of their surroundings, and partly because their

(Merchant Traveler.)
The municipal census-taker was round taking names, and pulled the bell at Bluffstick's, and Bluff came to the door. He was put through the usual formula, and finally the censuser asked the age of his wife.
"Can't tell," responded the husband.
"Can't tell?" echoed the questioner.
Why? Don't you know?"
"Of course I do."
"Then you must tell me. The law says you must."
"The law? What law?"
"The law of the State."
"What will they do with me if I can't tell?"
"Put you in jail for contempt."
"All right; put me in jail."

ates 600,000,000. Last year 18,000,000 barrels were produced in this country.

Since the tree list in Professor Sargent's census report is to be the standard authority, some changes from the present list are necessary. The most important change was taken in the bibliography of the species, and according to law among scientific men, priority in the date of description gives the authority to name. The southern, orange-leaved pine, usually known as *Nyssa Australis*, Mx., becomes *P. austris*, Miller; the northern Tupelo, *peridge*, known as *Nyssa multiflora*, Wang., has been united with several other forms, as one species under *N. sylvatica*, Marshall; the Hornum, *Carpinus Americana*, Lamark, becomes *C. Caroliniana*, Walter, and common hemlock is no longer *Abies*, but *Tsuga Canadensis*, Carrière.

A very genuine sea monster was mentioned in the English channel a few

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